



Volunteer Opportunities

with the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children

Government agencies alone can't ensure the safety and security of children. It takes all of us to keep Kentucky kids safe, secure, and healthy. Here are some ways that people like you are helping throughout the state. To find out about volunteer opportunities in your area, check the map in this packet and call the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children's Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) Office in the region where you live.

- ◆ If you think a child is being neglected, sexually abused, or physically or emotionally abused, call 1-800-752-6200 or your local law enforcement agency. *Children are hardly ever abused only once.* If you suspect it, you must report it – that's the law.
- ◆ Arrange for a speaker on preventing child abuse and neglect to come to your PTA, church, club, or workplace. Just call your local DCBS office.
- ◆ Teach others about child abuse and neglect, because the more we all know about it, the more we can do to stop it.
- ◆ Reach out to neighbors or relatives with children. Help them. Listen to them. Be a good example.
- ◆ Help a pregnant teen-ager learn parenting skills.
- ◆ Volunteer your time in a child crisis shelter, drug abuse prevention or treatment program, or shelter for the homeless.
- ◆ Collect diapers, clothing, toys, books, and formula for children who have been removed from their homes.
- ◆ Provide "housewarming gifts" for 18-year-old foster children who are moving out on their own.
- ◆ Become a foster parent. It's not easy, but the rewards are great when you help a child learn what it feels like to be safe.
- ◆ Consider adopting an abused or neglected child.

